

TRIBUTE TO DAVID HERMANCÉ

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker I rise today in remembrance of a talented Californian, David Hermance, who passed away on November 25, 2006 at the age of 59. David was both an innovator of technology and an admired friend of the environment.

Although best known for his recent work with hybrids, David championed advanced-technology vehicles throughout his four decades in the auto industry. After 26 years of dedicated service to General Motors, David joined Toyota in 1991 to become the North American Executive Engineer for Advanced Technology Vehicles.

Through his dedicated work, he became known as the "father of the American Prius." His efforts have educated Americans and Congress alike on the enormous potential of advanced technology vehicles, such as hybrids. David's unique ability to explain the inner workings of complex technologies to all audiences made him the most respected American voice on hybrid technology. Today, consumers and environmentalists alike laud the products he has advocated for years.

On this day, Congress should remember David Hermance's vision for a better tomorrow. May God bring peace to David's family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO MY COLLEAGUES OF
THE 109TH CONGRESS**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a tribute to my colleagues. In the waning days of the 109th Congress, it is a time of reflection and reminiscing. We will miss our colleagues, who will not be returning in January as Members of the 110th.

I have many fond memories of the heady early days of the 104th Congress. My colleagues GIL GUTKNECHT, J.D. HAYWORTH, and JOHN HOSTETTLER helped keep the spirit of 1994 alive, and I will never forget their steadfast commitment to serve and, above all, their friendship.

I have enjoyed working with my colleague ERNEST ISTOOK on the House Appropriations Committee. He is a good friend and I admire his hard work on behalf of American families.

Other fellow colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee are ANNE NORTHRUP and CHARLES TAYLOR. I had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with these fine Members and their absence will be felt throughout the halls of Congress.

MARK GREEN and BOB BEAUPREZ worked hard for their constituents each and every day. Their dedication to the constituents they represented was unparalleled.

SUE KELLY, NANCY JOHNSON, and ROB SIMMONS have each played an important role in supporting our Republican principles. They have served their districts impeccably and will be missed.

My colleague, CHRIS CHOCOLA, fought each and every day for the American people. He worked diligently on behalf of American values and used his business knowledge to help keep and create jobs in the United States. He is a true patriot.

And finally, my good friend, MELISSA HART, with her bright smile and tremendous energy, she worked tirelessly on behalf of her district. She fought each day for the conservative cause and she will be sorely missed. I look forward to seeing her again in Congress.

CELEBRATING THE ABINGTON
TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Abington Township Police Department on an important milestone—its 100th anniversary. Since 1906, the officers of Abington Police Department have proudly served and protected our community, and I am honored to represent them in Congress.

Beginning with only four patrolmen and a handful of bicycles, the Abington Police Department has blossomed into a modern, diverse and professional police agency. Under the leadership of Chief William J. Kelly, the Department now counts 163 law enforcement professionals, including an undercover drug investigation unit and SWAT team in its ranks.

Over the last century, the Department accomplished many significant achievements. In 1906, it established the first fingerprint laboratory in the region. Later that year, it used this facility to close the first criminal case in Pennsylvania using only fingerprint evidence. Ten years later, the Department traded in its bicycles and horses to become the first fully-motorized police department in the United States—an achievement that was motivated by the need to patrol a region that was originally very rural, but is now a fully-developed suburban community.

In recent years, Abington became the first police department to achieve statewide accreditation from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and one of three municipal police departments in Pennsylvania to achieve international accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Abington Police Department's record of excellence has been recognized by its peers, who have paid tribute to many of its law enforcement initiatives and appointed it to serve on a number of regional taskforces.

While successfully fulfilling its mission to serve and protect, the Department has also successfully established strong community ties. It has partnered with Abington residents to implement innovative programs like D.A.R.E., the Police Athletic League, Kids in Safety Seats, and Town Watch—demonstrating its commitment to building a strong community that is free of crime, violence, and substance abuse.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate Chief Kelly and all of the men and women of

the Abington Police Department for their service, dedication, sacrifice and accomplishment. I look forward to continuing our work together and ensuring another 100 years of success, safety, and security for all Abington residents.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LAKE
ORION REVIEW**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of the Lake Orion Review newspaper on the occasion of its 125th anniversary of service to the Oakland County community of Lake Orion, Michigan. The Lake Orion Review is also the oldest surviving business in Lake Orion.

The Review was established on December 24, 1881, known simply as the Orion Review with the original slogan: "Independent in Everything—Neutral in Nothing."

At that time, the community was home to only 400 citizens. Today, the Review circulates to about 35,000 readers and the community continues to grow and prosper, with numerous new businesses and families calling Lake Orion home.

The weekly newspaper was originally published by John Neal, Joseph Patterson and Frank Sutton, in the rear of Lou Warner's store on North Broadway Street. When hard times hit during the Great Depression, the newspaper's demise seemed written on the wall.

Apparently someone erased the premature obituary, because today the Lake Orion Review, published by Sherman Publications, is regarded as a beacon and trusted friend of the community. The Review has received multiple honors from the Michigan Press Association over the years, and enjoys a positive relationship with its readers and local news sources.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Lake Orion Review on its 125th anniversary and congratulating the staff for its continuing dedication to integrity, fairness and balanced news coverage for the community and its people. They are truly deserving of our respect and admiration.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
MAUREEN KEATING TSUCHIYA**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of my constituent and good friend Maureen Keating Tsuchiya of Chappaqua, NY, an extraordinary community activist and advocate for the disabled.

Maureen was born in Atkinson, Nebraska, the second of eight children of John and Dolores Keating. As a toddler, she survived a severe strain of polio. Her lifelong disability, which worsened over time, was a focus of her advocacy efforts on behalf of persons with physical challenges. With each cause she championed, she used an unstoppable blend of passion, energy, dignity, perseverance,